

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2, 2019

The Warren County Commissioners were sworn in by Michelle Hetrick, Clerk for their first meeting of the month of January 2019. Present for the meeting were Thomas Hetrick, Adam Hanthorne, Brian Jordan and Jud Barce. Also, in attendance are Jenny Hobaugh, Matt Herndon, Sharon Hutchison, Rusty Hart, John Kuiper, Randy Haddock, Charity Shettle Phil Astell, Mike Shettle, Mallory Redlin of Barce & Redlin, Lynn Martin, Valerie Jordan.

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan.
2. Brian Jordan, Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Brian Jordan welcomed newly elected Commissioner Adam Hanthorne and New County Attorney Jud Barce.
4. New Business:
 - a. Reorganization and Election of Officers for 2019:
 - i. Commissioner President – Adam Hanthorne made a motion to appoint Brian Jordan to President of the Commissioners with a second from Brian Jordan. Brian Jordan and Adam Hanthorne voted in favor, Tom Hetrick abstained.
 - ii. Vice President – Tom Hetrick made a motion to appoint Adam Hanthorne to Vice President of the Commissioners with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
 - iii. The Commissioners retained and appointed the following:
 1. Highway – Tom Hetrick, Adam Hanthorne and Brian Jordan
 2. County Farm – Tom Hetrick
 3. County physical facilities – Brian Jordan
 4. Ambulance – Adam Hanthorne
 5. Jail – Adam Hanthorne
 6. Tri Co. Drainage – Tom Hetrick
 - b. Highway Department – Matt Herndon, Highway Department Superintendent, stated that the highway Department are working on roads, but the weather has made the progress difficult. Brian Jordan inquired about washouts with regards to the weather. Herndon stated that only one high water was posted. The New Bridge will possibly be closed tomorrow due to high water. Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department Office Manager, stated that the Community Crossings contract was sent to INDOT this morning. Brian Jordan inquired about buildings, sand, etc. Herndon stated that the sand and calcium supplies are good. Adam Hanthorne inquired about protocol for taxpayer calls. Jordan explained that group text messages or emails work well. Hanthorne stated he had a taxpayer call concerning 350N at liberty road and 500 west of S.R. 55 need bermed. Herndon explained that the weather has not permitted and warmer months are the best time for berming. Jordan inquired about the Solid Waste Board appointments for 2019. Hobaugh will look into this with the town boards, Council and Commissioner appointments.
5. New Business:
 - a. Tom Hetrick made a motion to approve the December 17 and 21 meetings minutes and December 17 and 18 executive meeting with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor and the minutes were signed.
 - b. Tom Hetrick made a motion to approve the December 17, 2018 thru January 2, 2019 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor and the claim dockets were signed.
 - b. Tom Hetrick made a motion to approve the December 21, 2018 payroll dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor and the payroll dockets were signed.
 - c. Board of Zoning Appeals letter stating the resignation of Kathy Poole was presented. John Kuiper, Zoning Director, stated that in the past the BZA would present a list, Kuiper would contact those on the list and present to the Commissioners. The Commissioners can appoint anyone in the county. Jordan inquired if Kuiper can present the appointees at the next Commissioner meeting. Jordan further explained the BZA function as well as the resignation. Kuiper explained that there are 5 members on the Board of Zoning Appeals and there is no compensation for this position.
 - d. Brent Hoskins, County Resident, inquired about purchasing a piece of land from the County that is located in Johnsonville. Kuiper presented information concerning the land that Hoskins is inquiring about. Hoskins stated that he is purchasing the adjacent parcels from Paul Hoskins and he would like to purchase a portion of wooded area from the County. Hoskins stated he would like to clean up the area and build a new home. Kuiper stated that the parcel is approx. 0.3 acre that he is inquiring about. Kuiper further explained that the land was purchased when the railroad crossing was closed and the road was moved. Hoskins is inquiring if he can purchase the land for what the County paid. Brian Jordan stated that he would like to consult with County Attorney, Jud Barce as well as the Commissioners with a recommendation at the next meeting.
6. Elected Official/Department Head comments: Meeting was temporarily convened with a motion from Tom Hetrick that was seconded by Adam Hanthorne, all in favor. The County Drainage Board convened. Brian Jordan made a motion to reconvene the Commissioner Meeting with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - a. John Kuiper, Zoning Director, stated that for 2018 there were 18 permits for new homes, 32 pole barns, 15 desks bins pools, 4 permits for rezoning and variance, 2 commercial projects with a total of 130 permits issued. Total collection for 2018 was \$21,264.00, but Kuiper will present a formal spreadsheet at the next meeting.
 - b. Phil Astell, EMA Director, stated that he has received 2 of the defibrillators which will be placed at the Highway Department and Courthouse.
 - c. Rusty Hart, Sheriff, presented his 2019 salary contract for approval. No change in the past years. The salary contract provides that the sheriff is paid a salary by State Statue and the minimum required by law is what the Sheriff has used. Actually, the salary is less because the tax warrant fees are returned to the county as well as other funds that are allowed by law to go to the Sheriff. Brian Jordan read the contract and the salary is for

and the outside wall work is still pending. Jordan stated that he would like to get with Rusty in January to go over the items that were planned to repair and then present to an engineering firm. Rusty stated that this is something that has needed repaired for many years. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the 2019 Sheriff Contract with a second from Tom Hetrick, all voted in favor. Hart stated that the new vehicles have arrived and will be picked up tomorrow. All else seems to be running smooth. Hart is looking at applicants to replace a deputy soon. The School Resource Officer has been switched out after several years, Greg Grimmert will be returning to patrol and Brennan Hutchison is the new SRO. Anthony Pruitt has been promoted to Chief Deputy. Hart invited Hanthorne for a tour of the jail. Hart stated he would like a written maintenance plan as this was discussed in Sheriff's Conference.

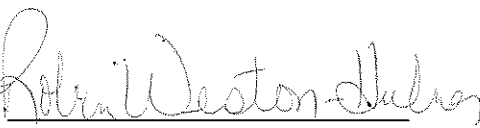
- d. Tom Hetrick discussed the need to rent the County Farm at Carbondale for 2019. Tom suggested an Commissioner Executive Session to discuss the terms of a farm contract January 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Adam Hanthorne inquired about the application process. Weston-Hubner inquired about a parcel of land that is being rented in Johnsonville for \$150.00 per year. Tom Hetrick explained that this is a verbal agreement with Bell Family.
- e. Brian Jordan read a letter from K-IRPC asking for the Commissioners to appoint a member to their board of directors. The board will meet 6 times per year in Monon, Indiana. Tom Hetrick made a motion to appointment Brian Jordan with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
- f. Brian Jordan signed the contract presented by Jud Barce for the County Attorney position. This was approved at the December 21, 2018 meeting.

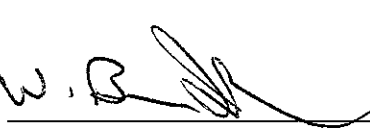
- 7. Public Comment: Lynn Martin, Resident of Pence, thanked all for the evening meeting as well as congratulated Adam Hanthorne for his election to the Commissioners.

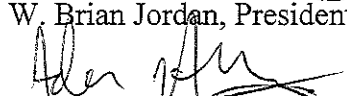
Next Commissioner and Council meeting will January 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. with the Council. Commissioner Exe January 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner meeting January 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

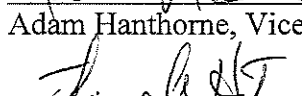
There being no further business Tom Hetrick made a motion to adjourn with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


W. Brian Jordan, President


Adam Hanthorne, Vice President


Tom Hetrick